

# Region 10 Tribal Newsletter



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### Work Shops and Conferences

- \***January 21-23, 2004** Developing a Tribal Air Program (TAP) Chandler, AZ
- \***January 27-30, 2004** Air Monitoring Data Management DATA MGMT Las Vegas, NV
- \***February 10-13, 2004** Introduction to Air Quality Management INTRO Flagstaff, AZ
- \***February 18-20, 2004** Ozone Monitoring OZONE Las Vegas, NV
- \***February 24-27, 2004** Environmental Education for Air Quality Professionals ENV ED Flagstaff, AZ
- \* Information about these workshops: Lydia Scheer at 928/523-6887 or [Lydia.Scheer@nau.edu](mailto:Lydia.Scheer@nau.edu)
- June 17-20, 2004, 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Protecting Mother Earth Conference, Bear Butte, South Dakota.** For information 877/436-2121 or [www.ienearth.org](http://www.ienearth.org)

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### **GAP Funding**

The EPA is pleased to announce the availability of funding for the Indian General Assistance Program (GAP) grants and for the Tribal Water Quality Cooperative Agreements. Complete applications for GAP must be **postmarked by Friday, February 20, 2004** and proposals (work-plan & budget) for the Water Quality Cooperative Agreements must be **postmarked by Friday, February 27, 2004** to be considered for funding.

The GAP grant provides funding for federally-recognized Tribes and tribal consortia to

develop capacity to manage and implement environmental programs. All federally-recognized Tribes and tribal consortia are eligible to receive a GAP grant, which are *expected* to be funded at a base amount of up to \$110,000, depending on available resources. If this amount changes, an EPA Tribal Coordinator will contact you to request revisions. All **new** applications must request a funding amount of no less than \$75,000 for the first year. For Tribal consortia, copies of the resolutions from all Tribes who will benefit from your GAP grant are required to be submitted within 60 days of the application deadline. Consortia must also be able to demonstrate that only those Tribes eligible to receive GAP grants will benefit from the grant.

GAP funds cannot be used to implement environmental programs, with one exception. If a grantee has developed the capacity to manage a solid or hazardous waste program, then GAP funds can be used to support

the program. Please refer to the Indian General Assistance Program Guidelines for the Award and Management of General Assistance Agreements for Indian Tribes (GAP Guidance), March 2000, Section II, at: <http://www.epa.gov/indian/pdfs/gap2000.pdf> for more information. Please contact your Tribal Coordinator for guidance in developing a reasonable cost proposal if you plan to use GAP funding for these activities.

For continuing grantees, it is requested that you consider submitting a two-year GAP application. Applicants can apply for subsequent years of funding at the base level of \$110,000. Current grantees should contact their EPA Tribal Coordinator to discuss specifics regarding multi-year proposals.

In addition to base funding, Tribes and tribal consortia may also submit additional requests for unmet needs. Innovative training efforts, and other unmet needs (i.e., QAPP training, grants

management training, and capacity building special projects) may be considered. Please refer to page 5 of the FY 2004 Grant Solicitation Notice for more information on Special Projects.

In order for your application to be considered for funding, please submit a complete application and one copy to the appropriate address below. All applications must be **postmarked by Friday, February 20, 2004.**

If located in Alaska, please submit your GAP application to US EPA, Alaska Operations Office, 222 W. Seventh Avenue, #19, Anchorage, AK 99513-7588, Attn: Santina Baumeister.

If in Idaho, Oregon, or Washington, please submit your application to US EPA, Region 10, 1200 Sixth Avenue, TO-149, Seattle, WA 98101-1128, Attn: Katherine Holt

Request for Proposals (RFP) for Tribal Water Quality Cooperative Agreements. Information on the program, including funding levels and proposal submittal information is included in the RFP. The Agency contact for those grants is Alan Moomaw, who can be reached directly at 360/753-8071. Proposals must be **postmarked by Friday, Feb. 27.** All Water Quality Cooperative Agreement proposals should be submitted to: US EPA, Washington Operations Office, 300 Desmond Drive SE, Suite 102, Lacey, WA 98503, Attn: Alan Moomaw

If you have any questions about the application process or grant requirements, please contact your Tribal Coordinator. For applicants in Alaska, general questions can be directed to the Alaska Tribal Office at 800/781-5083. For

applicants in Idaho, Oregon, or Washington, please contact the Region 10 Tribal Office in Seattle at 800/424-4372.

### ENERGY STAR

ENERGY STAR is a government-backed program helping businesses and individuals protect the environment through superior energy efficiency.

They state if every household in the US replaced one light bulb with an ENERGY STAR qualified compact fluorescent light bulb, it would prevent enough pollution to equal removing one million cars from the road.

To learn more ways to save:  
[www.energy.star.gov](http://www.energy.star.gov)

### Grants Information

A handy website that provides information about all the different grant programs administered by EPA can be found at: <http://www.epa.gov/epahome/grants.htm>

### AISES

In 2004, AISES will host its 26th Annual National Conference in Anchorage, Alaska on November 11-14, 2004. Start planning now!

### Tribal Air Grants

The EPA Office of Air Quality is announcing the availability of FY 2004 Clean Air Act (CAA) grant funding for supporting tribal air quality projects in Region 10. There will be approximately \$2,000,000 available for all Region 10, Office of Air Quality grants, which will range in size from \$50,000 to \$125,000. We expect that the limited resources available for these grants will be insufficient to meet all the requests, so preference will be given to proposals that show the

greatest prospect of addressing serious air quality needs and producing clear environmental results.

These grants are intended to support the development of tribal air pollution control program capacity. Activities conducted under these grants often include: identification and investigation of air pollution sources, ambient air quality monitoring, development of air pollution control regulations and ordinances, and community education and outreach. All activities must be related to air pollution assessment, prevention and/or control.

This year EPA will consider proposals for projects that will address ambient air quality issues of the 229 Alaskan Native Villages in a collaborative manner with deliverables that will provide ongoing value in addressing tribal air quality concerns broadly applicable throughout rural Alaska.

The procedure this year will be similar to that of last year and will consist of two stages:

**Stage 1 - Initial Proposal by February 13, 2004:** During the initial stage, all interested tribes must submit a brief Initial Proposal should be no longer than five pages, including a description of the activities the applicant requests be funded, the deliverables they will accomplish and/or submit using these funds, and a detailed budget. **These initial proposals must be postmarked by February 13, 2004, to be considered for funding this fiscal year.**

**Stage 2 - Final Proposal by May 21, 2004:** After evaluation of all proposals, those selected to

submit a detailed final proposal will be notified by March 26, 2004. The applicants whose projects are selected must submit a complete, application to the EPA Region 10 by **May 21, 2004**. Awards will be processed by September 30, 2004.

This year's process continues to respond to the increase in requests for funding to support tribal air work in Region 10 and the Region's desire to award funds in the most equitable way possible. We are proposing to move toward having all grant project periods aligned with the federal fiscal year to the greatest extent possible by FY2005. This will mean that all project periods will start on October 1<sup>st</sup> and end on September 30<sup>th</sup> in most circumstances.

Information can be found on EPA's web: <http://yosemite.epa.gov/R10> under Air Quality/Tribal Air Program/Grants. We will also be shortly posting a "Menu of Options" tool, which we are piloting this year, for tribes to use in developing air workplans. We think it may assist applicants in developing clear objectives and measurable outcomes for their grant workplans. We welcome your comments on this tool.

Please, note that tribes or other organizations selected for funding may be offered less than the amount of funding requested in their proposals.

Proposals may be mailed to EPA Office of Air Quality. Attn: Tribal Air Grants Manager, 1200 6<sup>th</sup> Ave. Seattle, WA 98101 or faxed to 206/553-0110. For further information, please contact Diana Boquist at 206/553-1585; Doug Cole at 208/378-5764; or Mary Manous at 206/553-1056.

## **EPA Water Quality Standards & Criteria in Indian Country**

EPA has created a new Internet site to disseminate information on Water Quality Standards & Criteria in Indian Country. This internet site is designed to help carry out the Office of Water objectives to meet the goal of clean and safe water in Indian country.

An approved Indian tribe can set the water quality goals for all surface waters (e.g., streams, rivers, lakes and wetlands) on the reservation. The tribe will also certify whether activities which require a federal license or permit are consistent with the tribe's water quality standards.

This is the first time tribes will have all relevant WQS information available in one place to assist them in developing WQS. For more information on the "Tribes and Water Quality Standards and Criteria...EPA in Partnership with Tribes" visit the website at <http://epa.gov/waterscience/tribes/index.htm>, contact Bryan "Ibrahima" Goodwin at 202/566-5662 or [goodwin.bryan@epa.gov](mailto:goodwin.bryan@epa.gov).

## **Wastewater Security**

For information about EPA's water and wastewater security programs, access: [www.epa.gov/safewater/security](http://www.epa.gov/safewater/security)

## **Forest/Drinking Water**

The report, *Running Pure: The Importance of Forest Protected Areas to Drinking Water*, is available on the Web at: [www.forest-alliance.org](http://www.forest-alliance.org) (Select the link to "Protected Areas," then "Protected Areas Management"; the link to report is in the box labeled "Of Interest"). For more information, call the World Bank

at 202/473-1000.

## **Science Indians Website**

The Science and American Indians Website is designed for tribes and those working on tribal environmental issues; the site serves as a gateway to scientific data and information from across EPA, other Federal agencies, and tribes.

Tribal representative contributed greatly to the design, content, and text of the website (<http://www.epa.gov/osp.tribes.htm>) Through an iterative process using multiple focus groups, and one-on-one feedback sessions.

The current version of the site is intended to serve a starting point, and efforts will continue to gather additional information and content to broaden the depth and scope of topics.

The Science and American Indians site strives to provide scientific information from different perspectives. Taking a broader approach to science, the website highlights the various processes by which people explain the world—their ways of knowing including:

- ✓ Analytically based science, which relies on collecting information through a path of linear, standardized steps;
- ✓ Tribal traditional knowledge, which encompasses a range of ways that people living indigenous lifestyles perceive, think, act, and "come to know" their world; and
- ✓ Integrated approaches that blend these two valuable processes.

Organization and content are divided into three major sections:

- ✓ Science Information and resources, for example technical

materials on key science topics, tribal science projects, web-based technical assistance, and training opportunities. ✓ Announcements and links to current funding opportunities, events such as conference and workshops, and tribal science in the news.

✓ Information about the National EPA-Tribal Science Council (TSC), its activities, accomplishments, and members.

Key Science Topics: Asthma, Climate Change, Endocrine Disruptors, Mercury, Mold, Quality Assurance Project Plans, and Risk Assessment.

### **Tribal FEMA Training**

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) is providing the opportunity for tribal members who have emergency management responsibilities. FEMA training staff, in conjunction with representative from the tribal nations, developed a course entitled, "Emergency Management Framework for Tribal Governments (E580)" that focuses on: Why emergency management is needed; Considerations for developing or enhancing an emergency management program; Basic elements of a good emergency operations plan (warning, communication, sheltering, etc.) And what should be included in each of these basic elements; How to get buy-in for a plan and ensure it works; Resources available through partnering.

The course includes many activities that help participants build a framework for an emergency operations plan for their tribal community and list of actions to help make the plan a reality.

The course is offered March 8-11 and August 2-5, 2004 at FEMA's Emergency Management Institute in Emmitsburg, MD.

All instruction, course materials, and housing are provided at no cost. FEMA will also reimburse participants for a 21-day pre-purchased non-refundable ticket for round-trip transportation by common carrier (economy, coach class, or less). If participants choose to drive, they will be reimbursed at the current federal privately owned vehicle mileage rate not to exceed the allowable airfare cost. Participants must purchase an on-campus meal ticket for \$80 a week that includes breakfast, lunch, dinner and morning/afternoon breaks.

If you have questions concerning the admission process, contact the NETC Admissions Office at 301/447-1035. If you have questions regarding the course content contact Linda Straka at 301/447-1162.

### **Scholarship**

Scholarship For Service (SFS) will offer college funding in return for a period of employment by the student after graduation. The program is funded through grants awarded by the National Science Foundation. The program, has been designed to increase and strengthen the cadre of federal information assurance professionals to better protect the government's critical information infrastructure. It provides scholarships that fully fund the typical costs that students pay for books, tuition, and room and board while attending an approved institution of higher learning. Additionally, participants receive stipends of up to \$8,000 for

undergraduates and \$12,000 for graduate students.

While still in school, students funded for more than a year will also serve a paid internship at a federal agency. The agency may offer students other paid employment while they are on scholarship if it does not interfere with their studies. Information on the SFS program is available at:

<http://www.sfs.opm.gov/ContactsPO.asp>

### **Tribal Response Programs**

EPA is pleased to announce that again this year, they expects to provide \$50 million nationally for State and Tribal Response Programs. As you may know, these grants are intended to help states and tribes establish or enhance response programs related to the assessment, cleanup and redevelopment of Brownfields sites and other sites with actual or perceived contamination. These grants are made available under Section 128(a) of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act (CERCLA), as amended. This year, \$3 million has been set aside for Tribal Response Programs nationally to ensure tribal participation, however funding is not necessarily limited to that amount.

EPA's State and Tribal Response Program Funding Guidance and can also be found on the web at: <http://www.epa.gov/swerosps/bf/applicat.htm#pg>

Eligibility: To be eligible for State & Tribal Response Program Grant funding a state or

tribe must either demonstrate that their response program includes, or is taking reasonable steps to include, the four elements of a response program as described in the statute and the November 2003 Grant Funding Guidance for State and Tribal Response Programs.

The four elements applicants must demonstrate that their response program includes or is taking steps to include are: 1. Timely survey and inventory of brownfields sites in the state or in the tribal lands; 2. Oversight and enforcement authorities or other mechanisms and resources that are adequate to ensure that: i) response actions will protect human health and the environment, and be conducted in accordance with applicable Federal and State law, and ii) to ensure the necessary response actions are completed; 3. Mechanisms and resources to provide meaningful opportunities for public participation, including public access to documents, prior notice and opportunity for comment on proposed cleanup plans and site activities, and a mechanism for people that are or may be affected by releases to request a site assessment; and 4. Mechanisms for approval of a cleanup plan and verification and certification that cleanup is complete.

For additional information:  
Marianne Deppman 206/553.1237  
[deppman.marianne@epa.gov](mailto:deppman.marianne@epa.gov)

### Grant Resources

Federal Application Forms and OMB Circulars: <http://www.whitehouse.gov/omb/grants/index.html>  
EPA Application Forms:  
<http://www.epa.gov/ogd/AppKit/application.htm>

EPA Indian Policy and GAP Guidance and Regulations:  
<http://www.epa.gov/indian>  
EPA Region 10 Tribal Office:  
<http://yosemite.epa.gov/R10/HOMEPAGE.NSF/webpage/Grants?opendocument>  
Catalog of Federal domestic Assistance: <http://www.cfda.gov>  
Federal Grants Portal:  
<http://fedgrants.gov>  
Basic Elements of Grant Writing:  
<http://www.cpb.org/grants/grantwriting.html>  
EPA Grant Writing tutorial:  
<http://www.epa.gov/seahome/grants/src/grant.htm>  
Applying for Indirect Cost Rate:  
<http://www.nbc.gov/icshome.html>

### New Course Proposal

The Institute for Tribal Environmental Professionals at Northern Arizona University (ITEP), through a cooperative agreement with EPA, is co-sponsoring a series of training courses for tribal environmental professionals involved in civil inspection, compliance, and reporting activities. The training courses, developed by ITEP in cooperation with EPA and tribal environmental professionals with inspection/compliance expertise, are based on EPA curriculum and are tailored to address the unique issues and needs of tribes. Participants who complete these training courses will: (1) increase their understanding of environmental inspection techniques; (2) learn to protect themselves while conducting inspections; and (3) take part in hands-on fieldwork and practice inspection techniques.

Course Contact (EPA person in charge of course): Todd Barnell,

Institute for Tribal Environmental Professionals,  
Northern Arizona University at  
928/523-3840  
email: [todd.barnell@NAU.EDU](mailto:todd.barnell@NAU.EDU)

### 319 Guidelines

EPA has released guidelines for implementation of nonpoint source management programs under Section 319 of the Clean Water Act and for the award of Section 319 grants to implement those programs.

These guidelines apply to grants appropriated by Congress in Fiscal Year 2004 and in subsequent years. The guidelines continue EPA's policy of focusing a significant portion of Section 319 funds (\$100 million annually) to address watersheds where nonpoint source pollution has resulted in impairment of water quality. The remaining funds are to be used by states to assist in the implementation of their broad array of programs and authorities to address all of the water quality threats and impairments caused by nonpoint source pollution.

### ALASKA

■ A New Paradigm: March 9, 2004 "Public Lecture by Mike Bireley. Anchorage U.S. Federal Building, Executive Dining Room" Noon to 1 p.m. Resource protection in America has evolved over the past 100 years and the new emerging paradigm attributes greater value to resource protection programs that promote the sustainability of natural resources and communities alike. Recognized as a leader in developing community oriented approaches to resource protection in

Washington State, speaker Mike Bireley draws on his experience as a career natural resource law enforcement professional and a graduate Fellow of the Natural Resources Leadership Institute to illustrate the value of collaborative leadership in crafting win-win solutions for complex and contentious environmental conflicts. Margaret (Meg) King, 907/257-2716 [http://www.uaa.alaska.edu/enri/rs\\_site/rs1.html](http://www.uaa.alaska.edu/enri/rs_site/rs1.html)

■ The Yukon-Kuskokwim Health Corporation (YKHC) was profiled in the AISES "Winds of Change" Magazine (Autumn 2003, pages 22-26). A video about the YKHC is available in VHS or DVD formats by calling 800-478-8905. The Annual AISES Conference is in Anchorage, AK at the Egan Convention Center, November

10-14, 2004. Information about AISES at: [www.aises.org](http://www.aises.org)

#### IDAHO

■ The Shoshone-Bannock Tribes and EPA Region 10 signed a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) on October 31, 2003 for Tribal Consultation. The agreement establishes a formal process for sharing information and communication about environmental protection issues that affect the Fort Hall Reservation. Mark Masarik, in the EPA Idaho Operations Office 208/378-5761 is the EPA lead for coordinating the implementation of the MOU.

#### WASHINGTON

■ "Collaborating Success" is the conference theme for the

Washington Tribes-EPA Symposium tentatively being scheduled for May 18-19, 2004. Planning is underway, contact Fran Wilshusen, Northwest Indian Fisheries Commission at 360/438-1180 or [fwilshus@nwifc.gov](mailto:fwilshus@nwifc.gov)

■ "Two Paths of Education, Woven into one Road of Success" is the theme for the 20th Annual Washington Indian Education Association Conference. The WIEA Conference occurs April 7-9, 2004 at the Quinault Beach Resort & Casino. For information, contact Willard Bill, Jr. 253/735-6647, ext. 127, Joan Banker 36/725-6160 or Denise Bill 253/931-4999.